# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

18 September 1954  3. DATE-TIME GROUP  Local	Oklahoma City,  4. TYPE OF OBSERVATIO  Discound-Visual  Air-Visual  SOURCE  Military	N D Ground-Radar  D Air-Intercept Radar	N 000 000	Was Balloon Probably Balloon Possibly Balloon Was Aircraft Probably Aircraft Possibly Aircraft Was Astronomical Probably Astronomical Possibly Astronomical Possibly Astronomical
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10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING		11. COMMENTS		
White object leaving vapor remained 30 minutes - Explocation colored flame from object.  meteorological phenomena - LVR.	sive light.Rainbox Local evaluation		or,	trail persist 30
(SEE CASE FILE)				

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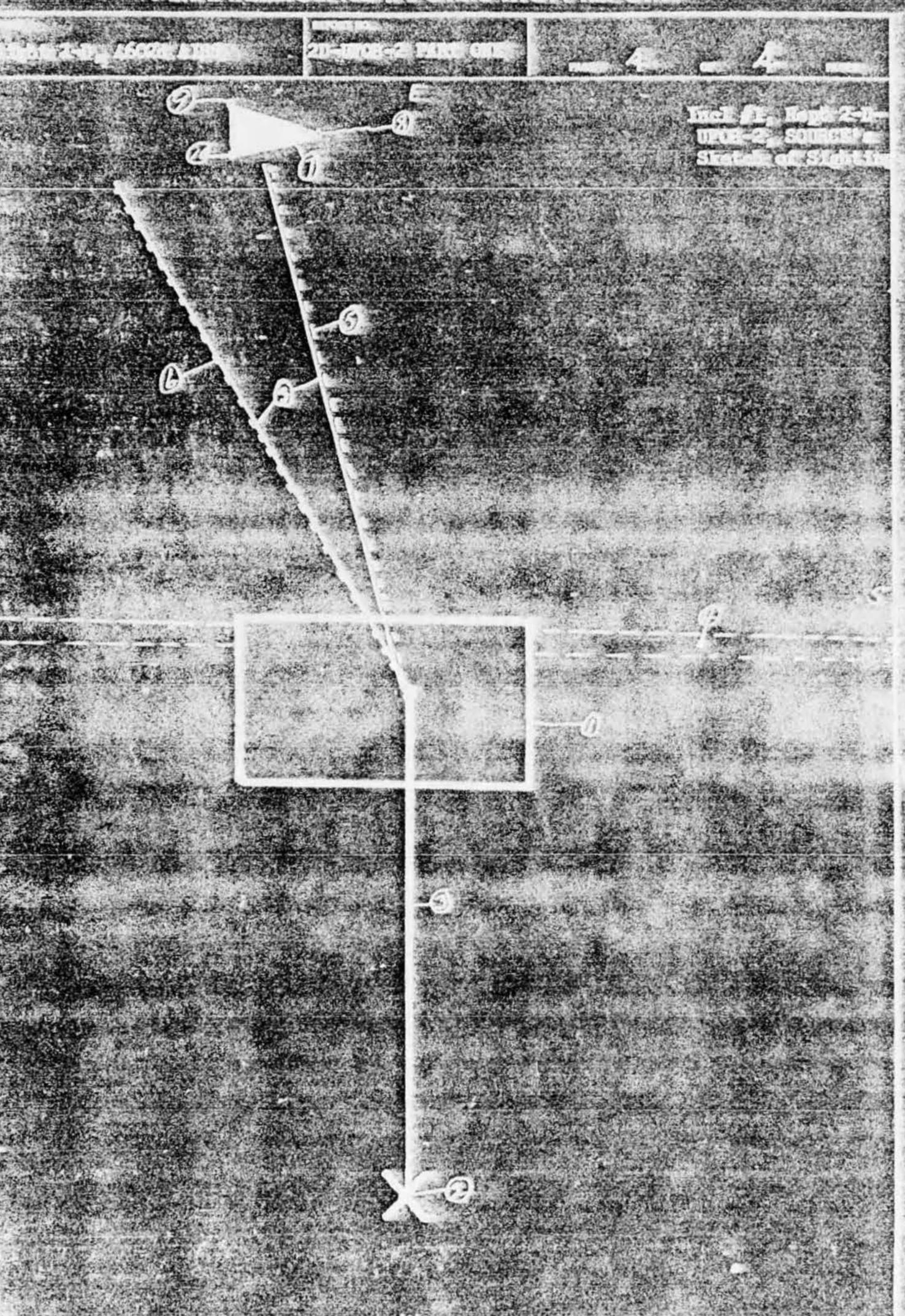
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- Source stated that whem he saw the object, he imprired from others people in the area if they had seen it. He received negative replice. He slee stated that he could not identify the object.
- IV. INVESTIGATOR'S SUBMARY: SOURCE reported this sighting to Vence AFR in Enid, Oklahoms. Captain Ralph V. Mistret, Fing Flame and Training Officer checked with the following agencies:
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## 4. Timer and Date of Sightings

- a. 0230 hours, Zulu 20 Sap 54, approximately
- b. Night.
- 5. Observer was located at drive-in movie, 3/4 mile south of city limits. Endd Oklahoma, and I/4 mile west of US Highway 81. Parked in 5th row from screen at Theater between Endd and Vance AFB. The film was in technicolor.
- 6. Richard P. Schomann, 1st Lt, 2002A, Hq Sq, 3575th M&S Gp, Vance AFB, Okta (Flight Test Officer (B-3).
  - 7. Weather and Winds-Aloft Conditions:
    - a. Clear with fifteen (15) mile visibility.

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2005 hours from Vance Act Weather let, the balloon rises at 120 feat par minute. emits a white Light, and was rising in a generally south to north direction.

- 9. Negative.
- 10. Location of Air Traffics
- a. At 2024 hours a B-26 from Alboquerque Landed et Vance ACB from the West At 2035 hours a T-28 from Scott AFE changed destination from Vance AFE to Tinker AFE flying north to South
- IL. Preparing Officer's Comments: Position title of preparing officer is ding Flans and Training Officer. There was meteorological activity on this night, couple with the fact that movie was in technicular, does not preclade the possibility of a light reflection on any moving object which could have given the illusion of a fast moving object of definite proportions. From observer's shetch, the object moved across and just above the top of the movie across

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L. Tores (I) lights moving as a unit.

a. Lights spaced triangularly (two leading, one trailing).

b. "Volleyball" (Twice length of B26) (total span of lights).

c. Lights were amber green and red.

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a. Lovement just above center of attention.

b. Twenty (20) degrees angle of elevation and 070 degrees azimuth.

c. Twenty (20) degrees angle of elevation and 050 degrees azimuth.

d. Straight and level flight.

e. Went out of sight.

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- C. Observer questioned observe nearby, received here in the firm of
  - d. Object heading was on approximately a course of 360 degrees.
- e. Coject covered by three (3) lights had to be as Large as any known 4-engine aircraft.

END OF REFORE

On the evening of September 18, 1954, a group of astronomers and their wives from the observatory at Sacramento Peak, New Mexico, were having a picnic at the White Sands National Monument, near Alamogordo. In this great desert of pure white gypsum the air is extremely hot during the daytime but cools to a pleasant warmth after sunset. Supper finished, the picnickers had taken off shoes and stockings to wade in the soft warm sand. By 8:30 it was dark and some of the astronomers had already left but others (including Dr. Menzel) had lingered to watch the stars, which stand out sharply in the clear skies over the desert.

Suddenly, far to the north, appeared an enormous green fireball. Of blinding brilliance, it was moving slowly and majestically from east to west in a substantially horizontal path about seven degrees above the horizon, leaving behind a luminous trail that persisted for at least fifteen minutes. At about the same time thousands of other persons on the ground in New Mexico and Colorado, as well as the crews of several planes in flight, were observing the fireball. It passed over a crowded football stadium in Santa Fe, interfered with radio and TV transmission as it appeared over Albuquerque, and over Denver turned night into day. A United Airlines pilot at about 15,000 feet near Laramie, Wyoming, saw the blue-green ball crossing his course and for some ten minutes observed the luminous cloud it left behind [6]. At almost the same instant, the fireball was sighted in the Bay of San Francisco, 1000 miles away. Major Keyhoe, the Director of NICAP (see Chapter xIII), enthusiastically and inaccurately recorded this meteor as two separate UFOs, one flying over San Francisco where it caused a "skyquake," the other over New Mexico and the Southwest where it "rattled airplanes flying through its trail." [2, pp. 197, 202] What these planes were doing at the height of the meteor-some seventy miles-he does not explain.

When telephone calls swamped the newspaper offices, reporters interviewed Dr. Lincoln La Paz of the Institute of Meteoritics at the University of New Mexico. Although he had not observed this particular specimen, he had seen similar green fireballs a few years earlier and he commented that this was no ordinary meteor but something unusual. A new wave of UFO excitement began to sweep the country. Were mysterious machines from outer space again patrolling New Mexico?

The astronomers who had admired the fireball at White Sands were amazed at the public reaction. As professionals who had spent.

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their lives in observing and analyzing astronomical phenomena, they agreed that the object had been unusual in its slow movement, its color, and its brilliance. But an unusual meteor is still only a meteor, not a spaceship, and they easily recognized it as a green fireball of the type that had appeared over the Southwest a few years earlier.

In the years following, green fireballs occasionally appeared. An astronomer observed one over Lafayette, Colorado, at 7:45 P.M. on June 4, 1950. One soared over the New England states and eastern Canada on November 2, 1950, and a year later, on November 2, 1951, a plane crew over Texas sighted another which was dramatically publicized in *Life* Magazine, and described in a saucer publication [2, p. 92] as a "projectile-shaped device" and a "strange missife" that shot out red balls. Few others made the headlines until the one of September 18, 1954, but even that caused only brief excitement and the Air Force expressed no alarm.

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